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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Conf. No.: 2220

Harald LIGTENBERG et al.

Appl. No.: 10/553,188

Group Art Unit: 4145

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Examiner: James C. YAGER

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PIPE SLEEVES FROM MINERAL WOOD**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 29, 2008. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire July 29, 2008. As such, Applicants believe that no extension of time is required at this time. In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants also believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time.

Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.